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Howdy! Three months have come and gone so quickly. I hope you all had as much fun as I did. I would like to begin by expressing my most sincere thanks to **Ken Steacy** for providing the beautiful illustration for this second installment of the **COMICO CHECKLIST.** Bravo! This is just a sneak peek at the new **JONNY QUEST** series set to premiere in June. I've already described the line-up for the first issue, which includes: **Doug Wildey, William Messner-Loebs, Steve Rude, Mike Royer, Matt Wagner,** and the just added pin-up team of **Bill Wilingham** and **Terry Austin.**

Now, I would like to take this opportunity to reveal a little more about our plans for the title. The second issue will be written entirely by **William Messner-Loebs** as he takes over as the series' regular writer. The story concerns the tragic death of Jonny's mother and introduces Race Bannon into the lives of Jonny and his father, Dr. Benton Quest. **Wendy Pini,** co-creator of the very popular **ELFQUEST,** will provide the pencils, and **Joe Staton,** co-creator of **E-MAN** and current penciller of DC's **GREEN LANTERN,** will provide the inks. This issue will also feature a beautiful wraparound cover by **Pini** and **Steve "The Dude" Rude.** Beyond the second issue, here are just a few of the people we have lined up to work with **Mr. Loebs** on **JONNY QUEST: Ken Steacy, Dave Stevens, Mark Wheatley, Marc Hempel,** and **Brent Anderson.**

A special vote of thanks goes to comic book veteran **Tom Orzechowski** for going to bat for us and designing the beautiful logo for the new **JONNY QUEST** series. Thanks a million, Tom!

We are really excited about **JONNY QUEST,** and we feel that **Mr. Loebs** is handling the book with great care. His is a cogent blend of intelligent stories, warm and realistic characters, action, adventure, and humor, that will appeal to anyone who enjoys reading, no matter what their age! **JONNY QUEST #1** will hit the comic racks this June and all subsequent issues will be released on a monthly basis.

Just one month prior to **QUEST's** release will see the premiere of Comico's first mini-series: **JUSTICE MACHINE featuring the ELEMENTALS!** These two teams appeared back-to-back several years ago in the extremely sought-after **JUSTICE MACHINE ANNUAL #1.** Now, creators **Mike Gustovich** and **Bill Willingham** have pitted these two great superhero teams against each other in a four-issue mini-series that is bound to ignite a few brain cells!!!

After the series concludes, keep your eyes peeled for the '86 premiere of the regular **JUSTICE MACHINE** series as **Mike Gustovich** continues to create brand-new bold adventures of this dynamic team from the planet Georwell.

If you have not yet read **MAGE,** it's high time you got hip! Creator **Matt Wagner** has given us a world apart from the norm. His innovative approach to the comic book medium is breaking all the rules and establishing new standards. Comico, along with **Matt Wagner,** is proud to announce that **MAGE** will now be released by the Starblaze Graphics division of the Donning Company in a new 8½" x 11" format. This will be a two-book set comprising all 15 issues of **MAGE. Wagner** will be completely re-coloring the first four stories as well as supplying brand new cover art for both volumes. The new **MAGE** from Donning is due out this fall. In the meantime, keep your eyes open for a new **MAGE** pin and t-shirt from Graphitti Designs—a *must* for every **MAGE** fanatic!

If that's not enough **Matt Wagner** news for ya, try this one on for size: **GRENDEL** has been given a definite *go* from the head office, and production is already under way! Creator/writer **Matt Wagner** and penciller **Arnold Pander** now welcome inker **Jay Geldhof** to the team. As reported in the last **CHECKLIST,** the new **GRENDEL** series will be a four-color monthly comic. Look for its debut some time this fall!

The **ROBOTECH Graphic Novel** is well under way and we are looking at a release that will coincide with the upcoming premiere of the *Robotech* motion picture. The film has now been set for a summer release. There has been a change in the creative team for the graphic novel—**Rich Rankin** will not be inking the project due to prior commitments on **ELEMENTALS.** In his place will be none other than—yep, you guessed it—**Ken Steacy!** Ken is also supplying each one of our three **ROBOTECH** titles with a beautiful full color airbrush cover! These include **ROBOTECH Masters #8** (May release), **ROBOTECH The Macross Saga #12** (June release), **ROBOTECH The New Generation #9** (July release).

Currently on the racks is the **ELEMENTALS SPECIAL #1** which deals with the very serious problem of child abuse. Creator **Bill Willingham** and writer **Jack Herman** have produced a hard-hitting, emotionally gripping story. It's a story that we feel will make concerned people reach out to those in need of help, those in our society who may be either the abused or the abusers. **ELEMENTALS** is a fan favorite, and if you have not yet experienced these characters, we strongly recommend you pick up this very special issue.

As promised in the last **CHECKLIST,** we can now announce the name of our second graphic novel: **THE WORLD OF GINGER FOX.** This 64-page, 8½" x 11" book is a **Mike (NEXUS/BADGER) Baron** creation. **Baron's** original script will be illustrated by artist **Mitch O'Connell** and colored by **Les (NEXUS) Dorscheid.** We'll give you a few more juicy details in the next issue of the **CHECKLIST,** but for now, all we can say is that **Mitch's** art is gonna knock your socks off!

Until next time, take good care of each other, and thanks for choosing Comico.

Just trying to be,
Bob Schreck
Director of Public Relations

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In April—

ROBOTECH Masters #7: *While on a daring mission inside the enemy alien vessel, Dana Sterling and her A.T.A.C. squadron fall into "The Trap." **Mike Baron** scripts, **Neil Vokes** pencils, and **Keith Wilson** inks.*

ELEMENTALS #7: *As David Golden engages in a heated political struggle, his daughter, Fathom, and her friends are battling a raging fire of another sort! "Clout" is plotted and pencilled by **Bill Willingham,** scripted by **Jack Herman,** and inked by **Rich Rankin.***

MAGE #12: *Join Kevin, Edsel, and Sean for the startling conclusion to their night at the Styx Casino Hotel. **Matt Wagner** scripts, pencils, and colors, and **Sam Kieth** inks. Also in this issue, **GRENDEL** continues, as Hunter Rose and Argent are no longer the only ones playing in their deadly game of chess! A **Wagner** creation with **Rich Rankin** on inks.*

ROBOTECH The New Generation #7: *Lunk is met with some opposition while attempting to deliver a dead comrade's manuscript to his grieving father, in "Paper Hero." **Jack "Jason" Herman** scripts, **"Rockin'" Reggie Byers** pencils, and **Tom "Terrific" Poston** inks.*

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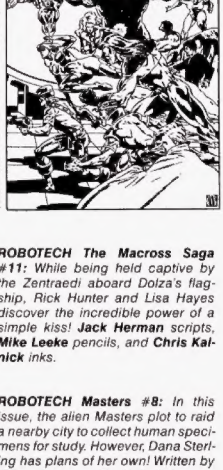
In May—

JUSTICE MACHINE featuring the ELEMENTALS #1: *This is it! The first installment of the hottest four-issue mini-series of 1986. **Mike Gustovich** and **Bill Willingham** bring these great characters together again in a breakneck-paced story that'll knock your socks off! **Bill Willingham** scripts, **Mike Gustovich** pencils and inks. Co-plotted by Willingham and Gustovich.*



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ROBOTECH The Macross Saga #11: *While being held captive by the Zentraedi aboard Dolza's flagship, Rick Hunter and Lisa Hayes discover the incredible power of a simple kiss! **Jack Herman** scripts, **Mike Leeke** pencils, and **Chris Kalnick** inks.*

ROBOTECH Masters #8: *In this issue, the alien Masters plot to raid a nearby city to collect human specimens for study. However, Dana Sterling has plans of her own! Written by **Mike Baron,** with **Neil Vokes** on layouts, **Reggie Byers** on finished pencils, and **Keith Wilson** on inks. This issue also features a beautifully painted cover by the renowned Canadian artist, **Ken Steacy.***

In June—

ROBOTECH The New Generation #8: *Scott Bernard and friends encounter a living legend when they come upon a town commandeered by Colonel Wolfe, and the word "hero" takes on a new meaning! **Jack Herman** scripts, **Jeff Dee** pencils, and **Tom Poston** inks.*

JUSTICE MACHINE and ELEMENTALS MINI-SERIES #2: *This issue our heroes are locked head-to-head in a deadly battle to bring freedom and justice to the population of Georweil. **Bill Willingham** scripts, **Mike Gustovich** pencils and inks. Co-plotted by **Willingham** and **Gustovich.***

MAGE #13: *A full year has passed. Now, join Kevin Matchstick and his friends as they prepare for the final confrontation! Don't miss out on this thought-provoking, critically-acclaimed limited series as it nears its exciting conclusion. **Matt Wagner** scripts, pencils, and colors, **Sam Kieth** inks. Also in this issue, **GRENDEL** continues. At last . . . what happened on the roof?! A **Wagner** creation with **Rich Rankin** on inks.*

JONNY QUEST #1: *This premier issue of the popular animated television series from the '60s reestablishes these wonderful characters for the '80s! **Doug Wildey** provides the 12-page lead story and painted wraparound cover, **William Messner-Loebs** scripts the back-up with **Steve Rude** pencilling and **Mike Royer** inking. Pin-ups by **Bill Willingham** and **Terry Austin,** and more. Specially designed logo by esteemed letterer **Tom Orzechowski.** All in full color. Join us as we make comic book history!*

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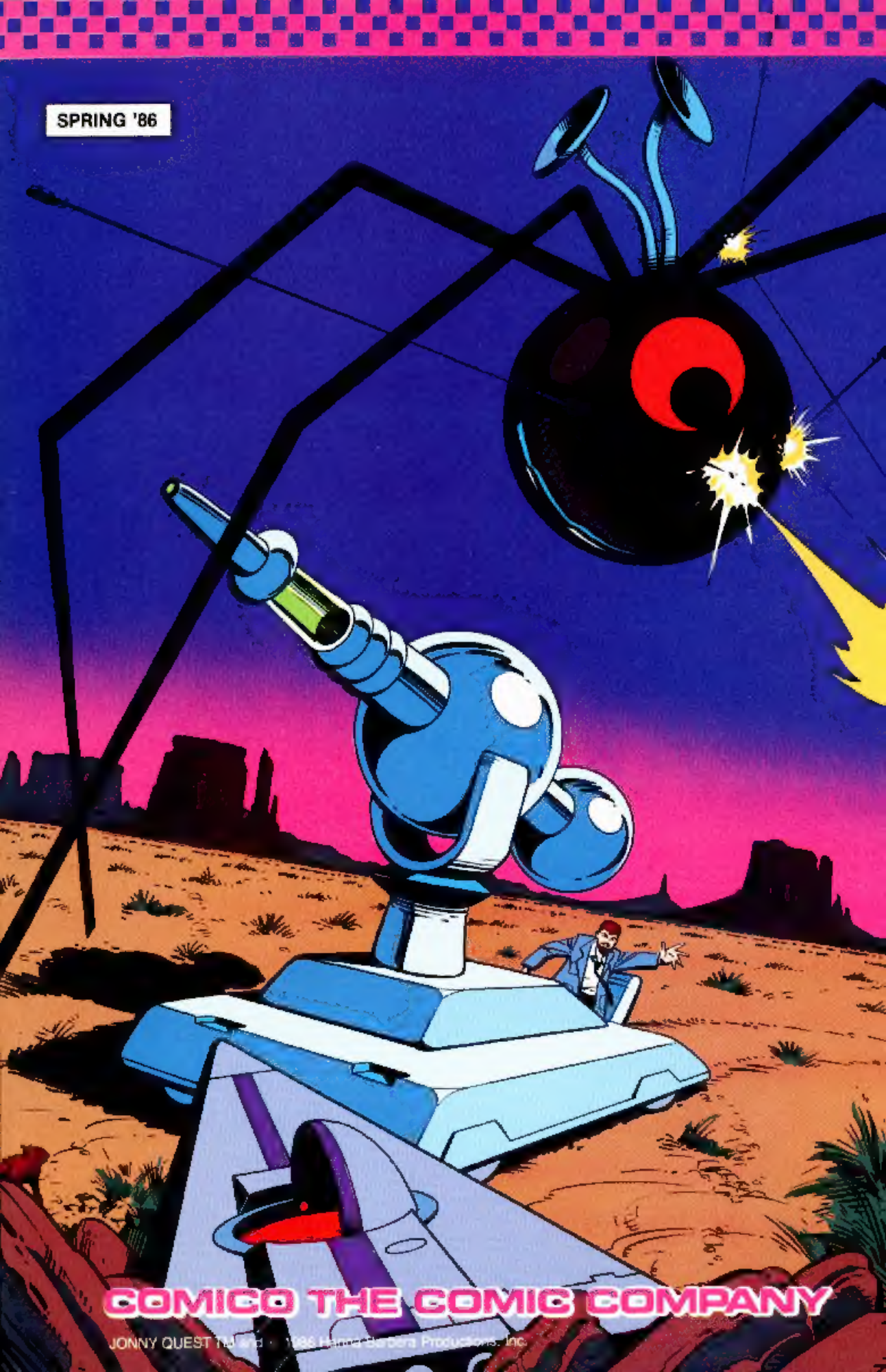
ROBOTECH The Macross Saga #12: *Max Sterling risks everything to save his friends being held prisoner on board Dolza's flagship, in "The Big Escape." **Jack Herman** scripts, **Mike Leeke** pencils, and **Chris Kalnick** inks. This issue will also sport a beautiful painted cover by **Ken Steacy.***

ELEMENTALS #8: *A slightly twisted view of romance and how it affects the lives of various members of the Elementals is the thrust of "Tainted Love." Also, the bizarre return of Ratman, because he demanded it! **Bill Willingham** plots and pencils, **Jack Herman** scripts, and **Rich Rankin** inks.*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